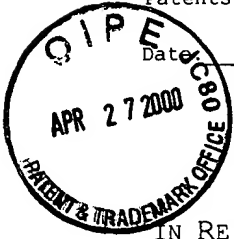


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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Prior to examination, applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments.

In the specification:

In the specification after page 27, insert pages 1-9 enclosed herewith.

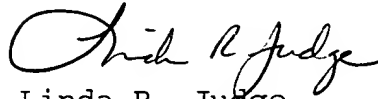
REMARKS

Entry of the above amendment prior to examination is respectfully requested.

The specification has been amended in accordance with C.F.R. §1.821 through 1.825 to add the Sequence Listing.

If in the opinion of the Examiner a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is encouraged to call the undersigned at (650) 324-0880.

Respectfully submitted,



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